

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, and 27-32, and 34-35 have been cancelled. Claims 17-26, 33, and 36-44 are pending.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants respectfully elect Group II, claims 17-26, 33, and 36-44 drawn to a variant TNFSF monomer protein, oligomers comprising said protein, and pharmaceutical compositions of said protein.

Election of Species

With respect to the required election of species, Applicants elect, **without traverse**:

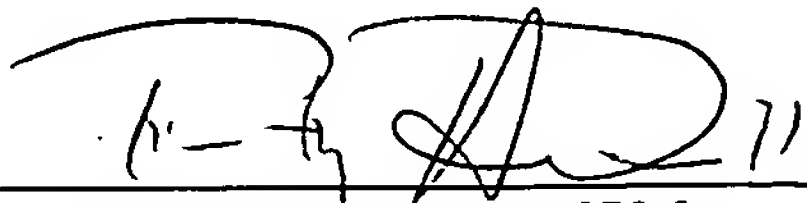
- I. BLyS as the species of TNFSF protein;
- II.
 - A. Position 66 in the large domain;
 - B. Position 97 in the small domain;
 - C. Position 87 in the DE loop;
 - D. Position 57 in the trimer interface;
- III. A Large Domain and DE loop without the trimer interface.

Conclusion

Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. Early favorable communication thereof is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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